

I am He: Jesus Presents Himself As Supreme In His Perception  
(Revelation 2:18-25)

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When I was about 8 or 9 I remember an instance where my dad came to me and ordered me to perform some kind of task outside.

When he went into the house, I began to look at my schedule of tree climbing, army play and bike riding and saw that I couldn't fit the task in so, I decided to pass the buck to my younger sister Karen. Dad wants you to do this or that. She set out to complete the task. What I didn't know is that someone saw the whole thing, my dad from the window. After it was all said & done, he came out and with eyes of flame of fire he asked in a tone that said I already know. Whoever I meet here! It is only fitting that Jesus last presented of himself <sup>to the church</sup> as a searching out <sup>I am He which searcheth</sup>

## I. The Vision of the Christ

This Son of God, to whom all judgment has been handed over to, is here searching out the lives of men & women with his divine eyes. It is said that the human eye only perceives a small percentage of the color spectrum, the eyes of Christ see far..

A. The Symbols of His Vision - vs 18 John pictures for this searching out vision of Christ with literary symbols. His eyes... this is a symbol of piercing ability of Christ to burn through the dress of hypocrisy and religious form to truth of a persons very being. The believer will see these eyes at the Judgment seat of Christ, the unbeliever at the G.W. Throne. But presently these eyes focus on the Church. Also feet are symbolized as fine brass. Brass is always... Judgment..



**B. The Sense of His Vision** - Christ not only sees all internally and externally but is able to make sense of what he sees, to deduce righteous Judgment. V519 "I know thy works" + in verse 23 he "searcheth". He not only sees but sees with understanding. Few weeks ago a man in a college lecture hall opens fire. Appon 100 saw the incident but none search out the why of his heart. But before his fiery eye all is seen + understood. Judgment Seat Sees the How + Why!

**C. The Space of His Vision** - Although in this symbolic description his brazen feet are referenced immediately after his eyes of fire, yet thank God that is not the way his vision works. V521 speaking of an Apostate woman says... Space. His eyes may see but his feet of Judgment are mercifully slow. V522 the ones duped into following Jezabel are given no space to repent. All of us here young + old have rebelled enough against God to be sent to Hell 1000 times over. God in mercy gives a space to <sup>repent</sup>

**II. The View of The Church** - Now lets turn our attention from Christs ability to see to what he sees. The View. This is a letter from Christ to a Church concerning what has been seen in that Church.

**A. A Church Sinful and Deceived** - V520 In the center of Christs vision of the church at Thyatira, was this woman called Jezabel. Called so because of her leadership of a people into idolatry. Suffereth or permits to teach completely opposite of 1Ti 2:12. It does matter how and who does things in the church. Fornication! What twisted teaching is this

1) ...far past the array of universal color to see the shades and tone of the thoughts and the intents of the human heart.

2) ...as God tramples the winepress of His wrath, nothing will deter the crushing weight of His brazen feet.

Concerning his ability to see what is going on in the hearts of men and the house of God. Every person saved or lost must realize that Jesus is Supreme in His Perception of our individual lives and the Church as a whole globally and in particular locally.

3) Habakkuk 3:2 O LORD... in wrath remember mercy.

1 Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Even deviancy in our churches today! Verse 21 In her deep seated rebellion she refuses to repent. Vs 24 says that this was a teaching. This was being proclaimed and pushed by this woman and rather than looking to the word of God for guidance many were being deceived. Drawn away into their own lusts. And the fiery eyes of Jesus Christ stand witness and rightfully condemns it. What does Jesus see when he sees this church!

1 Timothy 2:12  
I permit thee to learn as the Lord will teach thee  
but I permit not thee to teach, nor to usurp  
authority over the men, as the Lord hath appointed  
Christ to be the head of the church, his body,  
of which he is the saviour, himself the church,  
which he hath purchased with his own blood, to  
himself to cleanse it by the word, to present it  
to himself a glorious church, not having spot,  
or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should  
be holy and without blemish.

3) Hebrews 13:24 GREETINGS TO ALL THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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that drew members of this church into the wickedness of fornication then into idolatry, these together insinuate the participation in the idolatry of the world around them. Well Jezebel is alive and well, eh?

— This permissive and licentious day we live in the very same is going on from the idolatrous worldly church Rock concert to the permissive embrace of sexual impurity + B. A Church Sincere + Devoted. — But its not all bad. Thank God a helienc can blossom in the worst of conditions VS 19. He saw the outward manifestations of works + service. Often times the work of a servant is quickly forgotten upon completion, but the fiery eyes of Christ see the gold silver and precious stone of our labors of love. He also sees the motives behind that are unseen. Their "agape" love, their faith their patience. He saw the pure of heart labors of his people. A people sincere + devoted note the last phrase in 19. Motive works + works. They had progressed in growth. I hope you can say your labor at last are more than that at the first.

III. The Verdict upon these Characters  
The end result of this view is a verdict of judgment. Although there is a space between the fiery eyes and His feet of Judgment, it is only a space a definite period of time. Bear to Cemetery? Dates? Dash between = <sup>space</sup> to report.

A. The Recompense for Rebellion — Gods response to rebellion is judgment. VS 22. "Cast into hell" This hell of fornication God uses to bring his Judgment

This is often the case with the wicked delinquent of sexual sin. The bed of sensual pleasure becomes a bed of sickness and pain. Ask the Homosexuals who are AIDS. Ask the promiscuous college student w/ hepatitis. Ask the permissive college student w/ hepatitis. Ask the promiscuous college student w/ hepatitis. And those who are teaching w/ suffering. Kill children literally + figuratively.

**B. The Relief for Righteousness - vs 4** It is hard enough to watch as a church is caught up into sin and begin to tear itself apart. This can break the heart of the believer. Yet God promises to spare the bystander. Bombs in the Middle East kill the target and also usually take the civilian as well. The judgment of God here is said to hit only its target. Relief for Righteous Deeds.

**C. The Reward for the Redeemed - vs 5** The righteous few are commanded to cling to the truth that brought them into the Kingdom. To see such deistat may cause some to throw up hands and walk away. But those redeemed ones are encouraged to stay faithful in times of dispute. There is the promise of the Kingdom of God vs 26-28. These are they that overcome.

**IV Closing - Pr 15:3** The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good. Heb 4:13 All things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. There is a space to repent. Not he said. I have seen but against.



Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.